

ON THE S_2 -FICATION OF SOME TORIC VARIETIES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we prove:

1. *Some results on the Cohen-Macaulayness of the canonical module.*
2. *We study the S_2 -fication of rings which are quotients by lattices ideals.*
3. *Given a simplicial lattice ideal of codimension two I , its Macaulayfication is given explicitly from a system of generators of I .*

Introduction

Let X be an algebraic variety, the set of points where X is not Cohen-Macaulay is the Non-Cohen-Macaulay locus, this set was study in [1]. Macaulayfication is an analogous operation to resolution of singularities and was considered in [7] where the main theorem of Macaulayfication is given.

For any affine semigroup (without torsion) $S \subset \mathbb{N}^n$ let $G(S)$ be the subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^n generated by S and \bar{S} be the saturation of S inside $G(S)$, that is

$$\bar{S} = \{m \in G(S) : rm \in S \text{ for some } r \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

it is well known that the normalization of the semigroup ring $K[S]$ is given by $K[\bar{S}]$ and Hochster proved in [6] that $K[\bar{S}]$ is always a Cohen-Macaulay ring. We have an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow K[S] \longrightarrow K[\bar{S}] \longrightarrow K[\bar{S} \setminus S] \longrightarrow 0,$$

and $K[\bar{S}]$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring containing $K[S]$, with the same ring of fractions. In general, the support of $K[\bar{S} \setminus S]$ does not coincide with the Non Cohen-Macaulay locus of $K[S]$ because \bar{S} is too big. Our problem consist to look for a “minimal” subsemigroup $\tilde{S} \subset \bar{S}$ containing S such that $K[\tilde{S}]$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring. In [5] and [10] the authors consider a semigroup $S' \subset \bar{S}$ which contains S such that we have an exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow K[S] \longrightarrow K[S'] \longrightarrow K[S' \setminus S] \longrightarrow 0,$$

and $\dim K[S' \setminus S] \leq n - 2$. $K[S']$ is the S_2 -fication of $K[S]$. When $K[S']$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring, the support of $K[\bar{S} \setminus S]$ coincide with the Non Cohen-Macaulay locus of $K[S]$. This is the case notably when S is a simplicial semigroup. The purpose of this paper is to give effective methods to compute the S_2 -fication for a class of toric varieties. In the first part of this paper we consider the S_2 -fication and give some general results on the Cohen Macaulayness of the canonical module, one

of them extends and improves Proposition 2.5 of [4]. We also extend and improve to the lattice case the above results from [5] and [10], given shorter proofs.

In the second part we consider a codimension two simplicial toric ring $K[S]$, and describe the Macaulayfication of this ring in terms of the system of generators of its ideal of definition as described in [8], this ideal can be computed by an effective algorithm which works in polynomial time at very low cost. This is also implemented in my software `codim2simplicial`, which computes the generators of a simplicial codimension 2 lattice ideal without using Groebner basis.

During the meeting Current trends in Commutative Algebra held in Levico, Italy, in June 2002, I have submitted to Peter Schenzel, the problem developed in this paper in sections two to four, then we have started a joint work on this subject during more than one year. Peter Schenzel got a proof using spectral sequences and decided to publish by himself in [13]. My proof developed here is completely different and elementary, it is a complement to Schenzel's proof.

1 Known results on local cohomology

The following results are well known [11], [12] section 1.2. All this results are also true for graded ring and modules.

Let (R, Q) be a Gorenstein local ring of dimension n , let (A, \mathfrak{m}) be a factor ring of R and M a finitely generated A -module of dimension d .

We recall the local duality's theorem:

Theorem 1 *We have an isomorphism :*

$$H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M) \simeq H_Q^i(M) \simeq \text{Hom}_R(\text{Ext}_R^{n-i}(M, R), E(R/Q))$$

We denote by $D^i(M)$ the finitely generated R -module $\text{Ext}_R^{n-i}(M, R)$, and we set by $K_M = D^d(M)$ the canonical module. We recall some of their properties:

1. For any exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M'' \longrightarrow 0$$

we have a long exact sequence:

$$\dots \longrightarrow D^i(M'') \longrightarrow D^i(M) \longrightarrow D^i(M') \longrightarrow D^{i-1}(M'') \longrightarrow D^{i-1}(M) \longrightarrow D^{i-1}(M') \longrightarrow$$

2. $D^i(M) = 0$ for either $i > d$ or $i < 0$, $D^d(M)$ has dimension d . Moreover $\text{depth } D^d(M) \geq \min\{d, 2\}$, $D^d(M)$ satisfies the condition S_2 when $d \geq 2$, and if M is Cohen-Macaulay then so is $D^d(M)$.
3. For all $P \in \text{Supp } M$ we have $(D^d(M))_P = D^d(M_P)$.
4. $\dim D^i(M) \leq i$ for all $0 \leq i < d$. Suppose in addition that M is equidimensional. Then M satisfies the condition S_k if and only if $\dim D^i(M) \leq i - k$ for all $0 \leq i < d$.
5. If M is unmixed and $d \geq 2$, then we have an exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow D^d(D^d(M)) \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$$

where $\dim N \leq \dim M - 2$. Moreover M satisfies the condition S_2 if and only if M is isomorphic to $D^d(D^d(M))$.

2 One result on the canonical module

Theorem 2 *Let (A, \mathfrak{m}) be a factor ring of a Gorenstein local ring, let M be a finitely generated A -module of dimension d .*

1. *Assume that $d \geq 3$ and $\text{depth}(M) > 0$, then $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) = 0$ if and only if $\text{depth } K_M = 2$.*
2. *Assume that $d \geq 2$, $\text{depth}(M) = d-1$, and $D^{d-1}(M)$ has dimension $d-2$. Then $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) = \text{depth } K_M - 2$.*

In particular suppose that $\text{depth}(M) = d-1$, and $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = d-2$. Then $D^{d-1}(M)$ is a Cohen-Macaulay module if and only if the canonical module K_M is Cohen-Macaulay.

Let $a \in \mathfrak{m}$ be a non zero divisor of M . From the exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow M \xrightarrow{\times a} M \longrightarrow M/aM \longrightarrow 0$$

we get the following long exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow D^d(M) \xrightarrow{\times a} D^d(M) \xrightarrow{\alpha} D^{d-1}(M/aM) \xrightarrow{\beta} D^{d-1}(M) \xrightarrow{\times a} D^{d-1}(M) \rightarrow D^{d-2}(M/aM) \rightarrow D^{d-2}(M) \rightarrow \dots$$

From this exact sequence we get the short exact sequences:

$$0 \longrightarrow D^d(M) \xrightarrow{\times a} D^d(M) \longrightarrow \text{Im } \alpha \longrightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Im } \alpha \longrightarrow D^{d-1}(M/aM) \longrightarrow \text{Im } \beta \longrightarrow 0 \quad (2)$$

Note that $\text{Im } \beta = (0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)$. From the exact sequence 2, we have the long local cohomology sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0(\text{Im } \alpha) \longrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0(D^{d-1}(M/aM)) \longrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0((0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)) \longrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(\text{Im } \alpha) \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0(D^{d-1}(M/aM)) = H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(D^{d-1}(M/aM)) = 0$, since $\dim M/aM = d-1 \geq 2$ and $D^{d-1}(M/aM)$ satisfies condition S_2 , hence the map $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0((0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)) \longrightarrow H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(\text{Im } \alpha)$ is an isomorphism.

1. If $\text{depth } K_M = 2$, suppose first that $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) > 0$, then we can choose $a \in \mathfrak{m}$, a non zero divisor for $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M)$, this will imply that $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(\text{Im } \alpha) = 0$ and then $\text{depth } K_M \geq 3$. A contradiction.

If $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) = 0$ we have either $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = 0$ or not. If $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = 0$ then the module $(0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)$ is non null but has also dimension zero. If $\dim D^{d-1}(M) > 0$ then choose $a \notin \cup_{P \in \text{Ass}(D^{d-1}(M)) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}} P$, we will have that $\dim(0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a) = 0$ and is non null. In both cases $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(\text{Im } \alpha) \simeq H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0((0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)) \neq 0$ and so $\text{depth } K_M = 2$.

2. We will prove the claim by induction on d . Remark that if $\dim M = 2$, our statement is true. In fact following Section 1, the canonical module is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension two and since by our hypothesis $D^1(M)$ is of dimension 0, it is Cohen Macaulay. Let $d \geq 3$, by the first claim we can assume that $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) > 0$.

Let $a \in \mathfrak{m}$ be a non zero divisor for both M and $D^{d-1}(M)$. Since a is a non zero divisor for $D^{d-1}(M)$, we have $\beta = 0$ and we get two exact sequences:

$$0 \longrightarrow D^d(M) \xrightarrow{\times a} D^d(M) \xrightarrow{\alpha} D^{d-1}(M/aM) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$0 \longrightarrow D^{d-1}(M) \xrightarrow{\times a} D^{d-1}(M) \longrightarrow D^{d-2}(M/aM) \longrightarrow 0$$

It then follows that M/aM satisfies the induction hypothesis. Hence $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M/aM) = \text{depth } D^{d-2}(M/aM) + 2$, the above two short exact sequences imply then that $\text{depth } D^d(M) = \text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) + 2$.

This ends the proof of the theorem. As a consequence of the proof we have:

Corollary 1 *Let (A, \mathfrak{m}) be a factor ring of a Gorenstein local ring, let M be a finitely generated A -module with $\dim M = d \geq 3$ and $\text{depth } (M) > 0$. If $\dim D^{d-1}(M) > 0$, let $a \in \mathfrak{m}$ be a non zero divisor of M and $a \notin \cup_{P \in \text{Ass } (D^{d-1}(M)) \setminus \{\mathfrak{m}\}} P$, then K_M/aK_M is isomorphic to $K_{M/aM}$ if and only if $\text{depth } K_M \geq 3$. In particular if K_M is a Cohen-Macaulay module then $K_{M/aM}$ is a Cohen-Macaulay module.*

Proof .- With the above notations, K_M/aK_M is isomorphic to $K_{M/aM}$ if and only if $\text{Im } \beta = (0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a) = 0$. By our choice of a , we have that $\dim(0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a) = 0$, so $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^0((0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)) = (0 :_{D^{d-1}(M)} a)$ and then $\text{Im } \beta = 0$ if and only if $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^1(\text{Im } \alpha) = 0$, this is equivalent to $\text{depth } K_M \geq 3$.

Example 1 *(See also [10]) Consider the semigroup in $S \subset \mathbb{N}^3$ generated by the elements $(3, 0, 0), (2, 1, 0), (0, 3, 0), (3, 0, 1), (2, 1, 1), (0, 3, 1)$, the semigroup ring $K[S]$ has dimension 3, codimension 3, and $\text{depth } K[S] = 2$, the ring $K[S]$ satisfies the condition S_2 of Serre so it is isomorphic to $D^3(D^3(K[S]))$. The canonical module $D^3(K[S])$ is not Cohen-Macaulay. Remark that we have $\dim D^2(K[S]) = 0$.*

3 S_2 -fication of unmixed modules

Let (A, \mathfrak{m}) be a noetherian local ring, (resp. graded), quotient of a Gorenstein local ring (resp. graded Gorenstein ring) and M be an A -module of dimension d .

We recall that if M is unmixed, the module $D^d(D^d(M))$ satisfies the condition S_2 and we have an exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow D^d(D^d(M)) \longrightarrow M'' \longrightarrow 0$$

with $\dim M'' \leq d - 2$. Moreover if there exist an A -module M' of dimension d , satisfying the condition S_2 and an exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M'/M \longrightarrow 0$$

with $\dim M'/M \leq d - 2$, then $M' \simeq D^d(D^d(M))$. The A -module M' is the S_2 -fication of M and if M' is a Cohen-Macaulay module it is a Macaulayfication of M .

Lemma 1 *Set $M' := D^d(D^d(M))$. Assume that M is unmixed not satisfying the condition S_2 , then:*

A) *The canonical module $K_M = D^d(M)$ is a Cohen-Macaulay module if and only if M' it is.*

B) *If K_M is a Cohen-Macaulay module, then:*

$H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{i-1}(M'/M) \simeq H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ for $i = 1, \dots, d-1$. In particular $\text{depth } (M'/M) = \text{depth } M - 1$ and $\dim M'/M = \max\{i \leq d-2 / H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{i+1}(M) \neq 0\}$

As a special case M'/M is a Cohen-Macaulay Module if and only if only one of the local cohomology modules $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M), i \leq n-1$, does not vanish.

In this case the Matlis dual $D^i(M)$ of $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ is a Cohen Macaulay module of dimension $i-1$.

In particular if $\text{depth } M = d-1$, then M'/M is a Cohen-Macaulay Module of dimension $d-2$, and $D^{d-1}(M)$ is a Cohen-Macaulay module of dimension $d-2$.

C) The Non-Cohen-Macaulay locus of M is given by $\text{Supp } (M'/M)$.

Proof .-

A) Since $\dim M'/M \leq n-2$ we have $D^d(M) \simeq D^d(M')$, if M' is Cohen-Macaulay, then $D^d(M')$ is a Cohen-Macaulay module, hence the canonical module K_M is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension d . The converse follows since $M' \simeq D^d(D^d(M'))$

B) From the long exact sequence of the local cohomology associated to the sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M'/M \longrightarrow 0$$

we get $H_{\mathfrak{m}}^{i-1}(M'/M) \simeq H_{\mathfrak{m}}^i(M)$ for $i = 1, \dots, d-1$, which implies B).

C) The above exact sequence is still exact by localization on any prime ideal P ; on the other hand $K(K(M))_P = K(K(M_P))$ and recall that if M is Cohen-Macaulay then the natural map $M \longrightarrow K(K(M))$ is an isomorphism. It follows that the Non-Cohen-Macaulay locus of M is given by $\text{Supp } (M'/M)$.

When M is unmixed we get a new version of theorem 2:

Theorem 3 *Let M be unmixed of dimension d , not satisfying the condition S_2 , and $\text{depth } M = d-1$, then $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = d-2$, and $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(M) = \text{depth } K_M - 2$. In particular $D^{d-1}(M)$ is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if K_M is Cohen-Macaulay.*

Proof .- In regard of Theorem 2, we need only to prove that $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = d-2$.

Set $M' = D^d(D^d(M))$, from the exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M' \longrightarrow M'/M \longrightarrow 0$$

with $\dim M'/M \leq d-2$, we have $D^d(M) \simeq D^d(M')$. Since M' satisfies S_2 we have $\dim D^{d-j}(M') \leq d-j-2$, for all $0 \leq j \leq d-1$.

Assume that $\dim M'/M = d-k < d-2$, for some $3 \leq k \leq d-1$, then from the long exact sequence associated to the above short exact sequence we have:

$$0 \longrightarrow D^{d-k}(M'/M) \longrightarrow D^{d-k}(M') \longrightarrow 0,$$

this carries a contradiction since $d-k = \dim M'/M = \dim D^{d-k}(M') = d-k \leq d-k-2$.

From the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow D^{d-1}(M') \longrightarrow D^{d-1}(M) \longrightarrow D^{d-2}(M'/M) \longrightarrow D^{d-2}(M') \longrightarrow 0$$

we get $\dim D^{d-1}(M) = \dim D^{d-2}(M'/M) = d-2$ since $\dim D^{d-j}(M') \leq d-j-2$, for all $0 \leq j \leq d-1$.

Remark 1 *Let M be a finitely generated graded module over a ring of polynomials, with $\dim M = d$, and $\text{depth } M = d-1$. It is well known that if $0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\phi} F \longrightarrow \dots$ is the last term of the minimal syzygies of M then $\dots \longrightarrow F \xrightarrow{\sigma} G \longrightarrow D^{d-1}(M) \longrightarrow 0$ is a presentation of $D^{d-1}(M)$, where σ is the matrix transpose of ϕ .*

Example 2 Let A be the affine ring of the projective surface in P^4 defined parametrically by:

$$a = s^4 + t^4, b = s^2tu, c = s^3t, d = st^3, e = su^3$$

then $\text{depth} A = 2$ and $\sigma = (a, c^2 + d^2, ce, b^3)$. It follows that $D^2(A)$ is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension 1, and the S_2 -fication is in fact a Macaulayfication. It is not difficult to check that

$$A' = K[s^4 + t^4, s^2tu, s^3t, st^3, su^3, s^2t^2]$$

is the Macaulayfication of A .

Example 3 Let A be the affine ring of the projective surface in P^4 defined parametrically by:

$$a = s^4, b = s^3t + u^4, c = s^2t^2, d = su^3, e = t^2u^2$$

a quick computation with Macaulay, if $\text{char}(K) \neq 2, 3$, gives that $\text{depth} A = 2$ and σ is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -ae & d^2 & -c & b & 0 & 0 \\ 2ab^3 - 2a^2bc + d^4 & 3/2ab^3 + 1/2a^2bc & a^2b^2 - a^3c & -3/2bd^2 - a^2e & -1/2ad^2 & e & 6c \end{pmatrix},$$

in this case \mathfrak{m} is an associated prime ideal of the ideal generated by the entries of the second row of σ , but again using Macaulay we get that $D^2(A)$ is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension 1. Also in this example the S_2 -fication is in fact a Macaulayfication. We can check that

$$A' = K[s^4, s^3t + u^4, s^2t^2, su^3, t^2u^2, s^2u^2]$$

is the Macaulayfication of A .

4 Lattice and toric ideals

Let $R = K[x_1, \dots, x_m]$ be a polynomial ring, $L \subset \mathbb{Z}^m$ a lattice of rank r . We assume that L is a positive lattice, that is, every non zero vector in L has positive and negative coordinates. We can write every vector \mathbf{u} in \mathbb{Z}^m uniquely as $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_+ - \mathbf{u}_-$, where \mathbf{u}_+ and \mathbf{u}_- are non-negative and have disjoint support. Set $I_L \subset R$ be the ideal generated by all the binomials $x^{\mathbf{u}_+} - x^{\mathbf{u}_-}$, where \mathbf{u} runs over all vectors of L . $I_L \subset R$ is called a lattice ideal associated to L . Let $\text{Sat } L = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \mid k\mathbf{u} \in L \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. The group \mathbb{Z}^m/L is a finitely generated abelian group, and $I_L \subset R$ is a prime ideal if and only if \mathbb{Z}^m/L has no torsion. We quote the following theorem from the proof of Corollaries 2.2 and 2.5 of [3]:

Theorem 4 Let K be an algebraically closed field of any characteristic $p \geq 0$. The ideal $I_L \subset R$ is always unmixed. Moreover any x_i is a non zero divisor modulo I_L .

When the ideal $I_L \subset R$ is prime it is called toric. In the toric case the lattice L is usually viewed as the lattice of the relations of a finitely generated semigroup $S \subset \mathbb{N}^n$. In general we have an isomorphism $\mathbb{Z}^n/L \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$, where H is a finite group, the images $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_m$ of the canonical basis of \mathbb{Z}^n under this isomorphism generate a finitely generated semigroup $S \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus H$, which generates $G(S) := \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$. In fact $K[S] := R/I_L = \bigoplus_{g \in S} K \underline{t}^{g_1} \underline{u}^{g_2}$, where $g_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^d, g_2 \in H$ and $g = (g_1, g_2)$.

We set \tilde{S} the projection of S in \mathbb{Z}^d , let \mathcal{C}_S be the cone generated by \tilde{S} in \mathbb{Q}^d , and F_1, F_2, \dots, F_l its faces of dimension $d - 1$. Let $S_i = \{x - y; x, y \in S, \tilde{y} \in \tilde{S} \cap F_i\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^n \oplus H$.

Let L be any lattice, corresponding to the semigroup $S \subset G(S)$, as in [5], we will define another semigroup $S' = \cap S_i \subset G(S)$ such that the semigroup ring $K[S']$ is the S_2 -fication of the semigroup ring $K[S] := R/I_L$. Moreover if S is simplicial then $K[S']$ is the Macaulayfication of the semigroup ring $K[S] := R/I_L$. This extends to the lattice case a theorem of [5]. First we extend some preliminary results from [10], to the lattice case, the proofs are very similar and we let it to the reader.

1. Let $\bar{S} = \{z \in G(S), \exists p \in \mathbb{N}^*, pz \in S\}$, then $K[\bar{S}]$ is the normalization of $K[S]$.
2. A semigroup $S \subset \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$, is called standard if the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (a) $\bar{S} = G(S) \cap \mathbb{N}^d \oplus H$,
 - (b) $S_{(i)} \neq S_{(j)}$ for $i \neq j$, where $S_{(i)} = \{x \in S; x_i = 0\}$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_l, h)$, with $h \in H$.
 - (c) $\text{rank } \mathbb{Z}G(S_{(i)}) = \text{rank } \mathbb{Z}G(S) - 1$, $i = 1, \dots, l$.

By the Hochster's transformation, see [10], there is an standard semigroup $T(S)$ isomorphic to S , also by this transformation $T(S') = T(S)'$. So we can assume that our semigroup S is standard.

3. The polynomial ring R has two gradings, it is $G(S) = \mathbb{Z}^m/L = \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$ -graded: two monomials $\underline{x}^\alpha, \underline{x}^\beta$ have the same grading if and only if the vector $\alpha - \beta \in L$, the lattice ideal I_L is $\mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$ -graded. The polynomial ring R is \mathbb{Z}^d -graded by grouping all homogeneous elements with the same \mathbb{Z}^d -graded component.

Example 4 *The minimal primes ideals of I_L are \mathbb{Z}^d -graded, but not necessarily $\mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$ -graded. Let $I = (x^2 - y^2) \subset K[x, y]$, in this case $L = \mathbb{Z}(2, -2)$ and the isomorphism $\mathbb{Z}^2/L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$, is given by $(a, b) \mapsto (a + b, b \bmod 2)$; it follows that $\deg(x) = (1, 0)$, $\deg(y) = (1, \bar{1})$. The minimal primary decomposition of I is given by $(x^2 - y^2) = (x - y)(x + y)$.*

Let A be any arbitrary subset of $G(S)$, we will denote by $K[A]$ the K -vector space spanned by A in $K[G(S)]$. If $A + S \subset A$, we will call A an S -ideal. A proper subset P of S is a prime ideal if P is an S -ideal and $S \setminus P$ is additively closed. Every $G(S)$ -graded prime ideal \underline{p} of $K[S]$ is exactly of the form $K[P]$ for some prime ideal P of S and the homogeneous localization $K[S]_{\underline{p}}$ is isomorphic to $K[S - (S \setminus P)]$.

4. Let $S \subset \mathbb{Z}^d \oplus H$ be a standard semigroup with torsion, and let I be a nonempty subset of $[1, l]$, set $P_I = \{x \in S; x_i > 0 \text{ for some } i \in I\}$ and $p_I = K[P_I]$. Then the set $\{P_I\}$ is the set of prime ideals of S (see the proof of the next lemma). Moreover $K[S]/p_{\{i\}} = K[S_{(i)}]$ and if $J \subset I$ then $P_J \subset P_I$. This implies that $p_{\{1\}}, \dots, p_{\{l\}}$ are the unique $G(S)$ -graded prime ideals of height one of $K[S]$.

The following Lemma shows that the extension from the toric case to the lattice case is non trivial:

Lemma 2 *Let $\mathcal{P} \subset K[S]$ be an \mathbb{Z}^d -graded prime ideal of height > 0 . Then \mathcal{P} is $G(S)$ -graded and $\mathcal{P} = p_I$ for some non empty subset I .*

Proof .- First, let remark that if $z_1, z_2 \in K[S]$ are two pure monomials with the same \mathbb{Z}^d -grade, then $z_1^h - z_2^h = 0$, where h is the order of the group H , and this imply that for any prime ideal \mathfrak{p} in $K[S]$ there exists ξ a h -root of unity such that $z_1 + \xi z_2 \in \mathfrak{p}$

We prove that \mathcal{P} contains one monomial element $t^{g_1} \underline{u}^{g_2}$ for some $(g_1, g_2) \in S$.

Since $\text{ht}(\mathcal{P}) \geq 1$, and because I_L is unmixed, \mathcal{P} contains Q an associated prime of I_L and a non zero divisor z for $K[S]$. Now let $z \in \mathcal{P}$ be a non zero divisor, we can assume that z is \mathbb{Z}^n -homogeneous, if z is not monomial we can write it as a sum of monomials $z = \lambda_1 z_1 + \dots + \lambda_r z_r$, with coefficients $\lambda_i \in K$, then for any $i = 1, \dots, r$ there exists h -roots of unity ξ_i , such that $z_i + \xi_i z_1 \in Q \subset \mathcal{P}$, but

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i (z_i + \xi_i z_1) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \xi_i \right) z_1,$$

and since $z \notin Q$ we have $\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \xi_i \neq 0$, which implies that $z_1 \in \mathcal{P}$, and we are done.

The same proof shows that for any non empty set I , if $\mathcal{P} \not\subset p_I$, then we can choose a monomial element $z \in \mathcal{P} \setminus p_I$.

Let I be the set of integers $i \in [1, \dots, l]$ such that $p_{\{i\}}$ is contained in \mathcal{P} , we will prove that I is non empty and $p_I = \mathcal{P}$.

It is clear that $p_I \subset \mathcal{P}$, remark that if $I = [1, \dots, l]$, then \mathcal{P} contains the unique graded maximal ideal of $K[S]$. So we can assume that I is a proper subset of $[1, \dots, l]$. Suppose a contrario that there exist $z \in \mathcal{P} \setminus p_I$, (If I is empty choose z any monomial non zero divisor), we can assume that z is pure monomial, and if $z = \underline{t}^a \underline{u}^b$, then $a_i = 0$ for all $i \in I$, for any $j \notin I$ choose a monomial $\underline{t}^{c_j} \underline{u}^{d_j} \in p_{\{j\}} \setminus \mathcal{P}$, let $c = \sum_{j \notin I} c_j$, $d = \sum_{j \notin I} d_j$, then $c_j > 0$ for any $j \notin I$, and there exist a positive integer p such that $p(c, d) - (a, b) \in \mathbb{N}^l \oplus H \cap G = \bar{S}$, and for some positive integer k , $kp(c, d) - k(a, b) \in S$. It follows then that $\prod_{i \notin I} (\underline{t}^{c_j} \underline{u}^{d_j})^{pk} \in \mathcal{P}$ and $\underline{t}^{c^j} \underline{u}^{d^j} \in \mathcal{P}$, for some j . A contradiction.

Theorem 5 Assume that the semigroup (eventually with torsion) S is standard. Let $G(S)$ be the group generated by S of rank d , let $S' := \cap_{i=1}^l (S - (S \setminus P_i))$ be a subsemigroup of $G(S)$, where $S \setminus P_i$ consist of the elements in S , which the i coordinate is 0. Then

$$K[S'] = \cap_{i=1}^l K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})},$$

and $K[S']$ satisfies the condition S_2 . Let remark that $K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})}$ is a homogeneous localization and the intersection is taken in the localization $T^{-1}K[S]$, where T is the set of all pure monomials, also since I_L is a lattice ideal any monomial is a non zero divisor for $K[S]$.

We also have an exact sequence :

$$0 \longrightarrow K[S] \longrightarrow K[S'] \longrightarrow K[S' \setminus S] \longrightarrow 0,$$

and $\dim K[S' \setminus S] \leq d - 2$. Moreover if S is simplicial then $K[S']$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring.

Proof .- It follows from [5], p.244, that the property S_k holds for a \mathbb{Z}^d graded module M if and only if

$$\text{depth } M_{(p)} \geq \min \{k, \dim M_{(p)}\}$$

for any \mathbb{Z}^d homogeneous prime ideal p .

As a consequence the ring $\cap_{\text{ht}(p)=1} K[S]_{(p)}$, where p runs over all \mathbb{Z}^d homogeneous prime ideals in $K[S]$ of height one, satisfies the condition S_2 . Now the above lemma proves that $\{p_{\{1\}}, \dots, p_{\{l\}}\}$ are all the \mathbb{Z}^d homogeneous prime ideals in $K[S]$ of height one and then

$$K[S'] = \cap_{i=1}^l K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})},$$

satisfies the condition S_2 . Also we have that $K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})} = K[S']_{(p_{\{i\}})}$ and since the module $K[S' \setminus S]$ is \mathbb{Z}^d -graded we get $\dim K[S' \setminus S] \leq d - 2$.

If S is simplicial, let x_1, \dots, x_d be the variables in R corresponding to the extreme rays of \mathcal{C}_S , then S' is also simplicial and x_1, \dots, x_d are parameters for both $K[S], K[S']$, since S' satisfies the condition S_2 we have that any pair x_i, x_j is a regular sequence in $K[S']$, if we have a relation $fx_i = \sum_{j < i} f_j x_j$ then because of the grading we certainly have $fx_i = f_j x_j$ for some j , this implies that the sequence x_1, \dots, x_d is a regular sequence in $K[S']$, so $K[S']$ is a Cohen-Macaulay ring.

As a Corollary we have

Corollary 2 *Let $L \subset \mathbb{N}^m$ be a positive lattice of rank r , set $\dim R/I_L = d = m - r$. If $\text{depth } R/I_L = d - 1$ then $\dim K[S' - S] = d - 2$, $\text{depth } D^{d-1}(K[S]) = \text{depth } K_{K[S]} - 2$, and the following are equivalent:*

1. $D^d(D^d(K[S]))$ is Cohen-Macaulay.
2. the canonical module of $K[S]$ is Cohen-Macaulay.
3. the module $D^{d-1}(K[S])$ is Cohen-Macaulay.

The proof is immediate from Theorem 2.

Corollary 3 *Let $S \subset \mathbb{N}^n \oplus H$ be a simplicial finitely generated semigroup of rank d , then*

1. $D^d(D^d(K[S]))$ is Cohen-Macaulay
2. the canonical module of $K[S]$ is Cohen-Macaulay

We review the following example from [7], Example B.1:

Example 5 *Let K be a field, A the affine semigroup ring*

$$K[a, b, c, d, e^2, e^3, ade, bde, cde, d^2e].$$

We can see immediately that $K[S'] = K[a, b, c, d, e]$ and then it is a Macaulayfication of A , and we get the following exact sequence (see also [7]),

$$0 \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow K[a, b, c, d, e] \longrightarrow C[-1] \longrightarrow 0,$$

where $C = A/(ad, bd, cd, d^2, e^2, e^3, ade, bde, cde, d^2e)$ has dimension three. It follows that the Non Cohen-Macaulay locus of A is the support of C .

Example 6 *The following example is a toric ring of codimension two and dimension 4, which canonical module is not Cohen-Macaulay. The ideal $I_L \subset K[a, b, c, d, e, f] = R$ has the following generators:*

$$\begin{aligned} ab^4c - de^3f^2, \quad bc^3d^3 - a^2e^2f^3, \quad c^2d^4e - a^3b^3f, \quad b^5c^4d^2 - ae^5f^5, \\ a^4b^7 - cd^5e^4f, \quad c^5d^7 - a^5b^2ef^4, \quad b^9c^5d - e^8f^7. \end{aligned}$$

Let $0 \longrightarrow G \xrightarrow{\phi} F$ be the last term of a resolution of $A := S/I_L$, σ be the transpose of ϕ , then $F \xrightarrow{\sigma} G \longrightarrow D^3(A) \longrightarrow 0$ is a presentation of module $D^3(A)$, a quick computation by Macaulay gives that

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} e^2 f^2 & -bc & 0 & d & -a & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ ab^3 & -de & -f & 0 & 0 & c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c^2 d^3 & -a^2 f & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e & -b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & b^4 c & -e^3 f^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -d & a \end{pmatrix}$$

and that the module $D^3(A)$ has dimension 2, but $\text{depth } D^3(A) = 1$. So the canonical module of S/I_L is not Cohen-Macaulay, in fact $\text{depth } K_A = 3$.

In what follows we will write I instead I_L .

Theorem 6 *Let $R = K[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ be a polynomial ring, let $A = R/I$ be a lattice ring, of codimension two and dimension d . If I is minimally generated by 4 generators, then $D^{d-1}(A)$ is a complete intersection. In particular, the canonical ring K_A is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension d , and the S_2 -fication is a Macaulayfication of A . The Non-Cohen-Macaulay locus of A is the support of a Cohen-Macaulay module of dimension $d - 2$.*

Proof .- The resolution of A , follows from [9] Construction 5.2:

$$0 \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\phi} R^4 \longrightarrow R^4 \longrightarrow R \longrightarrow A \longrightarrow 0$$

where σ the transpose of ϕ is given by:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} -x^s & x^t & x^r & -x^p \end{pmatrix}$$

where all monomials have disjoint supports. Then the entries of σ define a complete intersection, that is $D^{d-1}(A)$ is a complete intersection. The rest of the proof follows from Lemma 2.

Question Let $R = K[x_1, \dots, x_{d+2}]$ be a polynomial ring, let $A = R/I$ be a lattice ring of codimension two and dimension d , is it true that $D^{d-1}(A)$ has non zero divisors?

5 Simplicial lattices ideals of height 2

Let K be a field and $R := K[y, z, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ the ring of polynomials in the variables y, z, x_1, \dots, x_n . Let a_i, b_i, c_i $1 \leq i \leq n$ be naturals numbers satisfying the conditions:

$$a_i \neq 0, (b_i, c_i) \neq 0 \forall i, (b_1, \dots, b_n) \neq 0, (c_1, \dots, c_n) \neq 0$$

For $i = 1, \dots, n$ let $\mathbf{d}_i = a_i \mathbf{e}_i$, where $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n$ is the canonical basis of \mathbb{N}^n , and $\mathbf{a}_1 = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$, $\mathbf{a}_2 = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$. Let H be a finite abelian group and $h_1, \dots, h_{n+2} \in H$ that generates it. Let S be the subsemigroup of $\mathbb{N}^n \oplus H$ generated by

$$(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{h}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{d}_n, \mathbf{h}_n), (\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{h}_{n+1}), (\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{h}_{n+2}).$$

Definition 1 *A simplicial lattice ideal of height two is the lattice ideal $I_L \subset R$, where:*

$$L = \{\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+2}, w_1(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{h}_1) + \dots + w_n(\mathbf{d}_n, \mathbf{h}_n) + w_{n+1}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{h}_{n+1}) + w_{n+2}(\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{h}_{n+2}) = 0\}.$$

We remark that the last two coordinates of vectors in L , determine all the lattice L . More precisely, consider the group morphism:

$$\Phi : \mathbb{Z}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/a_1\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/a_n\mathbb{Z} \quad (s, p) \mapsto (sb_1 - pc_1, \dots, sb_n - pc_n)$$

The lattice L is completely determined by the rank two sublattice :

$$\tilde{L} \subset \text{Ker}(\Phi) := \{(s, p) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 / sb_i - pc_i \equiv 0 \text{ mod } a_i, \forall i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

$$\tilde{L} = \{(s, p) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 / s(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{h}_{n+1}) - p(\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{h}_{n+2}) \in \mathbb{Z}(\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{h}_1) + \dots + \mathbb{Z}(\mathbf{d}_n, \mathbf{h}_n)\}.$$

Remark 2 To any vector $(s, p) \in \tilde{L}$ with $s \geq 0$ we associate a unique binomial $B_{(s,p)} \in I_L$ in the following way: for any $i = 1, \dots, n$, let v_i be the unique integer such that $sb_i - pc_i = v_i a_i$. We define the vectors $\mathbf{v}_+, \mathbf{v}_- \in \mathbb{N}^n$ by $\mathbf{v}_{+,i} = \max\{v_i, 0\}$, $\mathbf{v}_{-,i} = \max\{-v_i, 0\}$ and we must distinguish two cases:

- i) if $s \geq 0$ and $p \geq 0$ then $B_{(s,p)} = z^s \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-} - y^p \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}$,
- ii) If $s \geq 0$ and $p < 0$ then $B_{(s,p)} = z^s y^{-p} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-} - \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}$.

Let D_i be the line $D_i = \{(s, p) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid sb_i - pc_i = 0\}$. From now on, we suppose that the variables x_1, \dots, x_n are indexed in such a way that the slopes of the lines D_i are in increasing order.

Lemma 3 Consider $B = M_1 - M_2 \in I_L$ a binomial, M_1, M_2 without common factors. We can write B in only one of the followings forms:

1. $z^s - y^p x_1^{v_1} \dots x_n^{v_n}$, $s > 0$ $v_i \geq 0 \forall i$.
2. $y^p - z^s x_1^{v_1} \dots x_n^{v_n}$, $p > 0$, $v_i \geq 0 \forall i$.
3. $y^p z^s - x_1^{v_1} \dots x_n^{v_n}$, $p, s > 0$ $v_i > 0 \forall i$.
4. $z^s x_1^{v_1} \dots x_k^{v_k} - y^p x_{k+1}^{v_{k+1}} \dots x_n^{v_n}$, $v_i \geq 0$, $p, s > 0$, and $\exists 1 \leq i_1 \leq k$, $k+1 \leq i_2 \leq n$ / $v_{i_1}, v_{i_2} \neq 0$.
In other words if $(\mathbf{v}, s, p) \in L$, with $s, p > 0$, and $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ there exist k such that $v_i < 0$ for all $i < k$ and $v_i \geq 0$ for all $i \geq k$.

As a consequence we have the following lemma:

Lemma 4 1) There is no non trivial binomial in I_L , of the type: $z^s y^p \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-} - \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}$ with $s \geq 0$, $p \geq 0$, and $\mathbf{v}_- \neq 0$.

2) Consider an equality (where every fraction is reduced):

$$\frac{z^s P_1(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}}} = \frac{y^p P_2(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{w}}}.$$

- If there exist an index i_1 such that $v_{i_1} > 0$, $w_{i_1} = 0$, then for all $j \geq i_1$, $v_j > w_j$.
- If there exist an index i_2 such that $v_{i_2} = 0$, $w_{i_2} > 0$, then for all $j \leq i_2$, $v_j < w_j$.

The following proposition is an extension of [8], to the lattice case.

Proposition 1 We can describe a fan decomposition of \mathbf{R}_+^2 , more precisely we have vectors $\varepsilon_{-1}, \varepsilon_0, \dots, \varepsilon_{m+1} \in \tilde{L} \cap \mathbf{Z}_+^2$ such that

- $\varepsilon_{-1} = (s_{-1}, 0)$, $\varepsilon_0 = (s_0, p_0)$, with $0 \leq s_0 \leq s_{-1}$.
- Consider the Euclidean algorithm to compute the $\gcd(s_{-1}, s_0)$:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} s_{-1} & = & q_1 s_0 - s_1 \\ s_0 & = & q_2 s_1 - s_2 \\ & \dots & \\ s_{m-1} & = & q_{m+1} s_m \\ s_{m+1} & = & 0 \end{array}$$

$$q_i \geq 2, \quad s_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

Let p_i be the sequence of integers defined by

$$p_{i+2} = q_{i+2} p_{i+1} - p_i \quad -1 \leq i \leq m-1$$

then $\varepsilon_i = (s_i, p_i)$.

- $\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_{i+1}$ is a basis of \tilde{L} and $\det(\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon_{i+1}) = p_0 s_{-1} > 0$.

Note that the existence of the basis $\varepsilon_{-1}, \varepsilon_0$ is provided by [2], page 62.

Definition 2 Let $r_{j,i}$ be the sequence of integers defined by

$$r_{j,i} = (s_i b_j - p_i c_j) / a_j \quad -1 \leq i \leq m+1, 1 \leq j \leq n$$

and \mathbf{r}_i the vector with coordinates $r_{j,i}$.

Lemma 5 1) Any of the sequences $s_i, p_i, r_{j,i}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$ satisfy the recurrent relation:

$$v_{i+2} = q_{i+2} v_{i+1} - v_i \text{ for } -1 \leq i \leq m-1.$$

- 2) The sequences $s_i, r_{j,i}$ (for all j) are strictly decreasing but the sequence p_i is strictly increasing.
- 3) Set ν (resp. μ) the greatest integer j such that $\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{r}_{j,+}$ (resp. the smallest integer j such that $\mathbf{r}_j = -\mathbf{r}_{j,-}$), then $-1 \leq \nu \leq \mu \leq m$.
- 4) $\text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{i+1,+} \subset \text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{i,+}$.

Theorem 7 1) The ring R/I_L is arithmetically Cohen-Macaulay if and only if $\mu = \nu$. In this case the ideal I_L is generated by:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= z^{s_\nu} - y^{p_\nu} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu} \\ G &= y^{p_{\nu+1}} - z^{s_{\nu+1}} \underline{x}^{-\mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}} \\ H &= z^{s_\nu - s_{\nu+1}} y^{p_{\nu+1} - p_\nu} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu - \mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}} \end{aligned}$$

2) If R/I_L is not arithmetically Cohen-Macaulay the ideal I_L is generated by $\tau := 3 + (q_{\nu+2} - 1) + \dots + (q_{\mu+1} - 1)$ equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} z^{s_\nu} & - & y^{p_\nu} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu} \\ y^{p_{\nu+1} - p_\nu} z^{s_\nu - s_{\nu+1}} & - & \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu - \mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}} \\ z^{s_{\nu+1}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}, -} & - & y^{p_{\nu+1}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}, +} \\ y^{2p_{\nu+1} - p_\nu} z^{s_\nu - 2s_{\nu+1}} & - & \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu - 2\mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}} \\ & \dots & \\ y^{(q_{\nu+2}-1)p_{\nu+1} - p_\nu} z^{s_\nu - (q_{\nu+2}-1)s_{\nu+1}} & - & \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\nu - (q_{\nu+2}-1)\mathbf{r}_{\nu+1}} \\ z^{s_{\nu+2}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+2}, -} & - & y^{p_{\nu+2}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+2}, +} \\ & \dots & \\ & \dots & \\ z^{s_\mu} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\mu, -} & - & y^{p_\mu} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_\mu, +} \\ y^{2p_\mu - p_{\mu-1}} z^{s_{\mu-1} - 2s_\mu} & - & \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\mu-1} - 2\mathbf{r}_\mu} \\ & \dots & \\ y^{(q_{\mu+1}-1)p_\mu - p_{\mu-1}} z^{s_{\mu-1} - (q_{\mu+1}-1)s_\mu} & - & \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\mu-1} - (q_{\mu+1}-1)\mathbf{r}_\mu} \\ z^{s_{\mu+1}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\mu+1}, -} & - & y^{p_{\mu+1}} \end{array}$$

They form a Groebner's basis for the reverse lexicographic order with respect to $z < y < x_1 < \dots < x_n$.

Proof .- Note that the proof given in [8], pp.1089, applies here without restriction. We outline the proof of 2): it consist to prove that the leading term of any binomial in I_L for the reverse lexicographic order with respect to $z < y < x_1 < \dots < x_n$ is a factor of the leading term of some binomial in the above list. For example, let B be a binomial corresponding to the lattice point (\mathbf{v}, s, p) with $p \geq 0, s \geq 0$. By the fan decomposition of $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+$, there exists some $i \geq -1$ such that $(p, s) = \alpha \varepsilon_i + \beta \varepsilon_{i+1}$, with integers $\alpha > 0, \beta \geq 0$, this imply $\mathbf{v} = \alpha \mathbf{r}_i + \beta \mathbf{r}_{i+1}$. We need to consider three cases:

- if $i < \nu$ then the coordinates of $\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_{i+1}$ are all positive, so the leading term of B is z^s but $s = \alpha s_i + \beta s_{i+1} \geq s_\nu$.
- By a similar argument if $i \geq \mu + 1$ then the coordinates of $\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_{i+1}$ are all negative, so the leading term of B is y^p but $p = \alpha p_i + \beta p_{i+1} \geq p_{\mu+1}$.
- if $\nu \leq i \leq \mu$ then the leading term of B is $z^s \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}-}$ which is a factor of $z^{s_i} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_i-}$.

If B is a binomial corresponding to the lattice point (\mathbf{v}, s, p) with $p < 0, s \geq 0$. We argue with similar arguments using the fan decomposition of $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_-$ (that is every two consecutive vectors is a basis of \tilde{L}), given by the sequence of vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{-1} - \varepsilon_0, \dots, \varepsilon_{-1} - (q_1 - 1)\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0 - \varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_0 - (q_2 - 1)\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2, \dots, \\ \varepsilon_{m-1} - (q_m - 1)\varepsilon_m = \varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_{m+1}, -\varepsilon_{m+1}. \end{aligned}$$

6 Macaulayfication of codimension two simplicial toric rings

The aim of this section consist to give an explicit description of the semigroup S' such that $K[S']$ is the Macaulayfication of the simplicial semigroup ring of codimension two $K[S]$. (see Theorem 5):

We recall that $S' = \cap_{i=1}^l (S - (S \setminus P_i))$ is a subsemigroup of $G(S)$, where $S \setminus P_i$ consist of the elements in S , which the i coordinate is 0. the ring

$$K[S'] = \cap_{i=1}^l K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})},$$

is a Cohen-Macaulay ring, where $K[S]_{(p_{\{i\}})}$ is a homogeneous localization and the intersection is in the localization $T^{-1}K[S]$, where T is the set of all pure monomials. Remark that since I_L is a lattice ideal any monomial is a non zero divisor for $K[S]$. Any simplicial group is trivially standard. In what follows we will write I instead of I_L .

Remark 3 Since S is simplicial of codimension two, every element in $S - (S \setminus P_i)$ can be viewed as a quotient of monomials $\frac{M(y, z, \underline{x})}{N(y, z, \underline{x})}$ where M, N are monomials with disjoint supports and $N \notin p_{\{i\}}$, we notice that

$$p_{\{i\}} = \begin{cases} (x_i, y, z) & \text{if } b_i \neq 0 \text{ and } c_i \neq 0, \\ (x_i, y) & \text{if } b_i = 0 \text{ and } c_i \neq 0, \\ (x_i, z) & \text{if } b_i \neq 0 \text{ and } c_i = 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Lemma 6 Let $E \in \cap_{i=1}^n (S - (S \setminus P_i))$, then for each i we can write $E = \frac{z^{\alpha_i} y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})}$, such that x_i is not in the support of Q_i .

Proof .- The assertion is clear if $b_i \neq 0$ and $c_i \neq 0$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. If $b_i = 0$ and $c_i \neq 0$ then $s_j b_i - p_j c_i = -p_j c_i \leq 0$ and we have equality if and only if $i = -1$, this implies $\nu = -1, p_\nu = 0$. Regarding the order introduced in the variables x_1, \dots, x_n by the lemma 3, we can suppose that there exist natural integers k, l such that $b_1 = \dots, b_k = 0, a_{n-l} = \dots, a_n = 0$ and that k, l are the biggest possible. It will be enough to prove the Lemma for $i \leq k$ and $0 < k < n$. Let

$$E \in \cap_{i=1}^n (S - (S \setminus P_i)), E = \frac{y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x}) z^{\alpha_i}} \text{ where } x_i \text{ is not in the support of } Q_i, \text{ and } \alpha_i > 0. \text{ On the}$$

other hand for any $k < j < n - l$ we have $E = \frac{z^{\alpha_j} y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})}{Q_j(\underline{x})}$, where x_j is not in the support of Q_j

remark that x_i belongs to the support of Q_j , otherwise we have finish our proof, we can also assume that P_j and Q_j have disjoint support, this gives us the following element in I :

$$y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x}) Q_j(\underline{x}) - z^{\alpha_j + \alpha_i} y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x}) Q_i(\underline{x})$$

Since x_i appears in the left side of this equality but no in the right side, we must have $\beta_j > \beta_i$. More precisely we write $Q_j(\underline{x}) = x_i^{\gamma_i} \tilde{Q}_j(\underline{x})$, $P_i(\underline{x}) = x_i^{\delta_i} \tilde{P}_i(\underline{x})$, and since the couple $(\alpha_i + \alpha_j, \beta_j - \beta_i)$ belongs to the lattice \tilde{L} , there exist integers A, B such that:

$$(\alpha_i + \alpha_j, \beta_j - \beta_i) = A(s_{-1}, 0) + B(s_0, p_0)$$

this implies that $\beta_j - \beta_i = B p_0$. We have the following elements in I

$$z^{s_0} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{0,-}} - y^{p_0} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{0,+}}, z^{B s_0} \underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,-}} - y^{B p_0} \underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,+}}$$

this implies $\gamma_i + \delta_i = B \mathbf{r}_{0,-,i}$, and we have the following equality:

$$\frac{z^{B s_0} \underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,-}} x^{\delta_i}}{\underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,+}}} = \frac{y^{B p_0}}{x_i^{\gamma_i}} = \frac{y^{\beta_j - \beta_i}}{x_i^{\gamma_i}}$$

where we have set $\mathbf{r}_{0,-,i}$ for the i -coordinate of the vector $\mathbf{r}_{0,-}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{0,-}$ is the vector $\mathbf{r}_{0,-}$ with the i -coordinate equal to zero. Finally we have

$$E = \frac{z^{\alpha_j} y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})}{\tilde{Q}_j(\underline{x})} \times \frac{z^{B s_0} \underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,-}} x^{\delta_i}}{\underline{x}^{B \mathbf{r}_{0,+}}}$$

and x_i is not in the support of the denominator, and we are done.

Lemma 7 Let $E \in \cap_{i=1}^n (S - (S \setminus P_i))$. For each i we write $E = \frac{z^{\alpha_i} y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})}$, where x_i is not in the support of Q_i , and we can assume that P_i and Q_i have disjoint support. Then:

1. For all i , we can assume that $\alpha_i < s_\nu$ and $\beta_i < p_{\mu+1}$. The equality $\frac{y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})} = \frac{y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})}{Q_j(\underline{x})}$, such that x_i is not in the support of Q_i and x_j is not in the support of Q_j , implies $i = j$ and this equality is an identity. The same is true for z .
2. If there exists some index i such that $\alpha_i = \beta_i = 0$ then $E \in S$.
3. We can write $E = z^\alpha y^\beta E'$ where $E' \in S'$, where α is the minimum of all the α_i and β is the minimum of all the β_i . In particular we can assume that there exist indexes i, j such that $\alpha_i = 0$ and $\beta_j = 0$.

4. If $E = \frac{z^\alpha P(\underline{x})}{Q(\underline{x})}$, where P and Q have disjoint support, then x_1 is not in the support of Q .

Proof .-

1. Suppose that $\frac{y^{\beta_i} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})} = \frac{y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})}{Q_j(\underline{x})}$ such that x_i is not in the support of Q_i , x_j is not in the support of Q_j , $i \neq j$ and $\beta_j \geq \beta_i$. It follows that $\tilde{P}_i(\underline{x})\tilde{Q}_j(\underline{x}) - y^{\beta_j - \beta_i} \tilde{P}_j(\underline{x})\tilde{Q}_i(\underline{x})$ belongs to I where $\tilde{P}_i = P_i / \gcd(P_i, P_j)$, $\tilde{Q}_i = Q_i / \gcd(Q_i, Q_j)$. Since $0 \leq \beta_j - \beta_i < p_{\mu+1}$ such element cannot exists in I , and we are done.
2. Suppose that $E = \frac{P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})}$, such that x_i is not in the support of Q_i but $Q_i \neq 1$ and P_i, Q_i have disjoint support. Let x_j be in the support of Q_i , then we can write $E = \frac{z^{\alpha_j} y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})}{Q_j(\underline{x})}$, such that x_j is not in the support of Q_j . It follows that $z^{\alpha_j} y^{\beta_j} P_j(\underline{x})Q_i(\underline{x}) - P_i(\underline{x})Q_j(\underline{x})$ belongs to I . We get a contradiction since x_j is not in the support of $P_i Q_j$.
3. It is clear that $\frac{z^{\alpha_i - \alpha} y^{\beta_i - \beta} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})} = \frac{z^{\alpha_j - \alpha} y^{\beta_j - \beta} P_j(\underline{x})}{Q_j(\underline{x})}$ in the field of fractions of $K[S]$. We set $E' = \frac{z^{\alpha_i - \alpha} y^{\beta_i - \beta} P_i(\underline{x})}{Q_i(\underline{x})}$, now it is clear that $E' \in S'$ and $E = z^\alpha y^\beta E'$.
4. Suppose that x_1 is in in the support of Q , then we can write $\frac{z^\alpha P(\underline{x})}{Q(\underline{x})} = \frac{z^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} P_1(\underline{x})}{Q_1(\underline{x})}$, such that x_1 is not in the support of Q_1 and $\beta_1 > 0$. It follows then that $z^\alpha P(\underline{x})Q_1(\underline{x}) - z^{\alpha_1} y^{\beta_1} P_1(\underline{x})Q(\underline{x}) \in I$, but lemma 4, implies that $\alpha > \alpha_1$, and we get that $z^{\alpha - \alpha_1} P(\underline{x})Q_1(\underline{x}) - y^{\beta_1} P_1(\underline{x})Q(\underline{x}) \in I$, and x_1 is the support of $P_1(\underline{x})Q(\underline{x})$ but not in the support of $P(\underline{x})Q_1(\underline{x})$, applying again lemma 4, we get a contradiction since $\alpha - \alpha_1 < s_\nu$.

Theorem 8 1. Any element in the minimal basis in I of the type

$$z^{s_{\nu+l}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l}, -} - y^{p_{\nu+l}} \underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l}, +},$$

for $1 \leq l \leq \mu - \nu$, gives rise to a non trivial element

$$E_l = \frac{y^{p_{\nu+l}}}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l}, -}} = \frac{z^{s_{\nu+l}}}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l}, +}} \in S'.$$

2. Any element $E \in S'$ which can be written as

$$\frac{y^\beta}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}} = \frac{z^\alpha}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}},$$

where $\mathbf{v}_+, \mathbf{v}_-$ have disjoint support, belongs to the semigroup generated by S and the elements E_l , for $1 \leq l \leq \mu - \nu$.

3. Any element $E \in S'$ which can be written as

$$\frac{y^\beta P(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}} = \frac{z^\alpha Q(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}},$$

where $\mathbf{v}_+, \mathbf{v}_-$ have disjoint support, belongs to the semigroup generated by S and the elements E_l for $1 \leq l \leq \mu - \nu$.

Proof .-

1. It is clear that $E_l = \frac{y^{p_{\nu+l}}}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l,-}}} \frac{z^{s_{\nu+l}}}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{r}_{\nu+l,+}}} \in S'$. We have $E_l \notin S$ since $p_{\nu+l} < p_{\mu+1}$.
2. Let $E \in S'$ such that $\frac{y^\beta}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}} = \frac{z^\alpha}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}}$, where $\mathbf{v}_+, \mathbf{v}_-$ have disjoint support. It follows that $y^\beta \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+} - z^\alpha \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}$ belongs to I then $(\alpha, \beta) \in \ker \Phi$ and there exist positive integers k, λ_1, λ_2 such that

$$(\alpha, \beta) = \lambda_1(s_k, p_k) + \lambda_2(s_{k+1}, p_{k+1})$$

and as consequence of this

$$v_j = \lambda_1 r_{j,k} + \lambda_2 r_{j,k+1} \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

We recall that if $r_{j,l} > 0$ for some j, l then $r_{m,l} > 0$ for all $m > j$ and that $\text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{k+1,+} \subset \text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{k,+}$. By lemma 3, there exist δ such that $v_l < 0$ for all $l < \delta$ and $v_l \geq 0$ for all $l \geq \delta$. Let $\text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{k,+} = \{l_1, \dots, n\}$, $\text{supp } \mathbf{r}_{k+1,+} = \{l_2, \dots, n\}$, with $l_1 \leq l_2$. It follows that $l_1 \leq \delta \leq l_2$ then we can write

$$E = \frac{z^\alpha}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}} = \left(\frac{x_{l_1}^{r_{l_1,k}} \dots x_{\delta-1}^{r_{\delta-1,k}} z^{s_k}}{\underline{x}^{r_{k,+}}} \right)^{\lambda_1} \left(\frac{x_\delta^{-r_{\delta,k+1}} \dots x_{l_2-1}^{-r_{l_2-1,k+1}} z^{s_{k+1}}}{\underline{x}^{r_{k+1,+}}} \right)^{\lambda_2}$$

so

$$E = (x_{l_1}^{r_{l_1,k}} \dots x_{\delta-1}^{r_{\delta-1,k}} x_\delta^{-r_{\delta,k+1}} \dots x_{l_2-1}^{-r_{l_2-1,k+1}})^{\lambda_2} E_k^{\lambda_1} E_{k+1}^{\lambda_2}.$$

3. If $E = \frac{y^\beta P(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}} = \frac{z^\alpha Q(\underline{x})}{\underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}}$, where $\mathbf{v}_+, \mathbf{v}_-$ have disjoint support, then after division by the common factor of P, Q we can assume that they have disjoint support. But then $P(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}$ and $Q(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}$ have disjoint support. It follows that the element $E' := \frac{y^\beta}{Q(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_-}} = \frac{z^\alpha}{P(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{\mathbf{v}_+}}$ belongs to S' and we can write $E = P(\underline{x}) Q(\underline{x}) E'$, the assertion follows from the previous item.

Theorem 9 Any element $E \in S'$ belongs to the semigroup generated by S and the elements E_l for $1 \leq l \leq \mu - \nu$.

Proof .- Let $E \in S'$ be a non trivial element, by lemma 7, item 4 we can write $E = \frac{z^\alpha P_1(\underline{x})}{x_1^{a_1^1} \dots x_n^{a_n^1}}$ with $a_1^1 = 0$. Let i_1 be the biggest integer such that $a_j^1 = 0$ for $j < i_1$ but $a_{i_1}^1 > 0$. Since $E \in S' = \cap_{i=1}^n (S - (S \setminus P_i))$ we can write $E = \frac{y^{\beta_1} z^{\alpha_1} P_3(\underline{x})}{x_1^{a_1^3} \dots x_n^{a_n^3}}$ with $a_{i_1}^3 = 0$ and $\beta_1 > 0$. It then follows that

$$z^\alpha P_1(\underline{x}) x_1^{a_1^3} \dots x_n^{a_n^3} - y^{\beta_1} z^{\alpha_1} P_3(\underline{x}) x_1^{a_1^1} \dots x_n^{a_n^1} \in I,$$

and lemma 4 implies that $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha$, so we have that

$$z^{\alpha - \alpha_1} P_1(\underline{x}) x_1^{a_1^3} \dots x_n^{a_n^3} - y^{\beta_1} P_3(\underline{x}) x_1^{a_1^1} \dots x_n^{a_n^1} \in I.$$

Since $a_{i_1}^1 > 0, a_{i_1}^3 = 0$ then for all $j \geq i_1, a_j^1 \geq a_j^3$ by lemma 4.

Thus we can write the equality:

$$\frac{z^{\alpha-\alpha_1} P_1(\underline{x})}{x_1^{a_1^1} \dots x_{i_1}^{a_{i_1}^1} x_{i_1+1}^{a_{i_1+1}^1 - a_{i_1+1}^3} \dots x_n^{a_n^1 - a_n^3}} = \frac{y^{\beta_1} P_3(\underline{x})}{x_1^{a_1^3} \dots x_{k_1-1}^{a_{k_1-1}^3}} \quad (4)$$

Since the denominators have disjoint support, this equality gives one element $F_1 \in S'$ that belongs to the semigroup generated by S and $E_1, \dots, E_{\mu-\nu}$. Then we have that:

$$E = F_1 \frac{z^{\alpha_1}}{x_{i_1+1}^{a_{i_1+1}^3} \dots x_n^{a_n^3}} \quad (5)$$

Now either $a_j^3 = 0$ for all $j > i_1$, and in this case we have finished the proof of the theorem, or there exist $i_2 > i_1$ such that $a_j^3 = 0$ for all $i_1 \leq j < i_2$, but $a_{i_2}^3 > 0$. Since $E \in S' = \cap_{i=1}^n (S - (S \setminus P_i))$ we can write $E = \frac{y^{\beta_2} z^{\alpha_2} P_4(\underline{x})}{x_1^{a_1^4} \dots x_n^{a_n^4}}$ with $a_{i_2}^4 = 0$ and $\beta_2 \geq 0$. We have the following element in I_L

$$y^{\beta_2} z^{\alpha_2} P_4(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{(\mathbf{a}_3 - \mathbf{a}_4)_+} - y^{\beta_1} z^{\alpha_1} P_3(\underline{x}) \underline{x}^{(\mathbf{a}_3 - \mathbf{a}_4)_-}$$

First since $\alpha_1 < s_\nu, \alpha_2 < s_\nu, \beta_1 < p_{\mu+1}, \beta_2 < p_{\mu+1}$, we must have $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2, \beta_1 \neq \beta_2$.

Now suppose that $\beta_2 < \beta_1$, we have two cases:

1. If $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$ then Lemma 4, implies that $a_i^3 > a_i^4$ for all i but $a_{i_1}^3 = 0$, this is a contradiction.
2. If $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ since $a_{i_2}^3 > 0, a_{i_2}^4 = 0$ by Lemma 4, we get $a_i^3 > a_i^4$ for all $i \leq i_2$ but $a_{i_1}^3 = 0$, this is a contradiction.

So we have $\beta_2 > \beta_1$, if we assume that $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ since $a_{i_2}^3 > 0, a_{i_2}^4 = 0$ by lemma 4 we have $a_i^3 > a_i^4$ for all $i \leq i_2$ but $a_{i_1}^3 = 0$, this is a contradiction. Finally we get $\beta_2 > \beta_1$ and $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$.

Using lemma 4, we argue as before and we get that for all $j \geq i_2$, $a_j^3 \geq a_j^4$. We have the following equality:

$$\frac{z^{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}}{x_{i_2}^{a_{i_2}^3 - a_{i_2}^4} \dots x_n^{a_n^3 - a_n^4}} = \frac{y^{\beta_2 - \beta_1} P_4(\underline{x})}{P_3(\underline{x}) x_1^{a_1^4} \dots x_{i_2-1}^{a_{i_2-1}^4}}.$$

This equality defines one element $F_2 \in S'$ that belongs to the semigroup generated by S and $E_1, \dots, E_{\mu-\nu}$, and we have

$$E = F_1 F_2 \frac{z^{\alpha_2}}{x_{i_2+1}^{a_{i_2+1}^4} \dots x_n^{a_n^4}}. \quad (6)$$

We can continue and we can write

$$E = F_1 F_2 \dots F_m,$$

where F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m belong to the semigroup generated by S and $E_1, \dots, E_{\mu-\nu}$. This ends the proof of the theorem.

Example 7 Let k be a non zero natural number, and consider the simplicial toric variety defined parametrically by:

$$x_1 = u_1^{2k}, \dots, x_k = u_k^{2k}, y = u_1^{k+1} u_2 u_3 \dots u_k, z = u_1 u_2^{k+1} u_3 \dots u_k$$

It is a codimension two variety in \mathbb{P}^{k+1} . Let I_k be the vanishing ideal of this variety. We apply the algorithm described in proposition 1 to find a system of generators of I_k :

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
y^{2k} & - & x_1^{k+1} x_2 x_3 \dots x_k \\
z^2 x_1 & - & y^2 x_2 \\
y^{2k-2} z^2 & - & x_1^k x_2^2 x_3 \dots x_k \\
y^{2k-4} z^4 & - & x_1^{k-1} x_2^3 x_3 \dots x_k \\
& \dots & \\
y^2 z^{2k-2} & - & x_1^2 x_2^k x_3 \dots x_k \\
z^{2k} & - & x_1 x_2^{k+1} x_3 \dots x_k
\end{array}$$

In order to get the Macaulayfication we must consider the element:

$$\frac{y^2}{x_1} = \frac{z^2}{x_2} = u_1^2 u_2^2 u_3^2 \dots u_k^2.$$

The Macaulayfication will be the semigroup ring :

$$K[S'] = K[u_1^{2k}, \dots, u_k^{2k}, u_1^{k+1} u_2 u_3 \dots u_k, u_1 u_2^{k+1} u_3 \dots u_k, u_1^2 u_2^2 u_3^2 \dots u_k^2].$$

In fact it is easy to check that

$$K[S'] = K[x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, y, z, w] / (z^2 - x_2 w, y^2 - x_1 w, w^k - x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_k),$$

and it is a complete intersection.

Example 8 We can apply our methods to some non toric cases. The (non-toric) variety $V \subset \mathbb{A}^7$ defined by

$$x_1 = s^4 + t^4; \ x_2 = s^2 t u; \ x_3 = s^3 t; \ x_4 = s t^3; \ x_5 = s u^3; \ x_6 = s^2 t^2 v; \ x_7 = v$$

is a generalized f -variety, not locally Cohen-Macaulay, and $\dim V = 4$.

Let V_1 be the variety defined by

$$x_1 = s^4 + t^4; \ x_2 = s^2 t u; \ x_3 = s^3 t; \ x_4 = s t^3; \ x_5 = s u^3; \ x_6 = s^2 t^2; \ x_7 = v.$$

Let $K[V]$ and $K[V_1]$ be respectively the coordinate rings of V and V_1 . It is immediate to check that V_1 is a complete intersection, and therefore it is arithmetically Cohen-Macaulay, in fact V_1 is the Macaulayfication of V .

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